Production of life saving medicines by M/s. Glaxo

550. SHRI NAND KISHORE BHATT: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of seras and vaccines produced by M/s. Glaxo Laboratories in 1976-77, 1980-81 and 1984-85;

(b) whether it is a fact that this company has drastically cut down the production of seras and vaccines and antibiotic vials during the last ten years;

(c) if so, what was the production of each of these items in 1975-76 and 1985-86; and

(d) what are the reasons for allowing M/s. Glaxo Laboratories to cut down the production of essential life saving medicines and to increase the production of non-essential formulations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) to (d) To the extent details are available M/s. Glaxo are producing triple Antisen. Production details are as under:—

Year	Production (Ltrs.)
1976-77	N.A.
1980-81	1430
1984-85	1800

Production of a product by a company depends upon the market demand and the corporate plans of the company. There had also not been any import of Triple Antigen.

Prices of Human Fibrinogen

551. SHRI NAND KISHORE BHATT: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 2109 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 17th March, 1986 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Human Fibrinogen, Human Immulogicbulin, Anti-Rho Immune Globulin (Human) are not reagents but are essential and life saving drugs;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that these products fall under Drug Price Control Order, 1979;

(c) what are the prices fixed for each of these products alongwith the date of fixation of price;

(d) whether it is also a fact that these life saving drugs are sold at an exhorbitant price; and

(e) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) to (e) Information to the extent available would be collected and laid on the Table of the Rajya Sabha.

Agreement between M/s. Glaxo and Small Scale Units

552. SHRI NAND KISHORE BHATT: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that M/s. Glaxo has entered into an agreement with small scale units to market formulations produced by small scale units under their foreign brand names;

(b) if so, what are the detailed terms and period of each agreement;

(c) the names of small scale units with whom such agreement was made by M/s. Glaxo;

(d) whether Government treat such agreement legally tenable;

(e) the names of products being marketed by Glaxo which are produced by small scale units and whe-

ther these formulations are produced from imported bulk drugs; and

(f) if so, names of imported bulk drugs and quantity consumed per year for the production of these formulations since last three years, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) to (f) Information to the extent available would be collected and laid on the Table of the Rajya Sabha.

Price of Wymesone Tablets

553. SHRI NAND KISHORE BHATT: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 2114 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 17th March, 1986 and state:

(a) whether Wymesone tablets and injections are covered under the Drugs Price Control Order 1979;

(b) if so, the reasons for not fixing the prices of these two products under the Drug Price Control Order, 1979;

(c) whether it is a fact that the manufacturer is over-charging the prices of these medicines;

(d) whether it is also a fact that under the Drug Price Control Order the Company has to apply for price fixation; and

(e) if so, the reasons for not applying and also for allowing the company to market the medicines at their own prices?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b), (d) and (e) The prices of Wymesone tablets and injections as fixed under the Drug (Prices Control) Order 1970 are continuing. The company has not submitted any application for fixation of prices of the two products under the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1979.

(c) No. Sir.

Import by Wyeth Laboratories

554. SHRI NAND KISHORE BHATT: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 2113 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 17th March, 1986 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Wyeth Laboratories imported penultimate for the production of Ethoheptazine Citrate;

(b) whether Ethoheptazine Citrate falls under Drugs (Price Control) Order, 1976; and

(c) if so, the reasons for not fixing the price of this drug under Drugs (Price Control) Order, 1979?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) As reported by the company, Ethoheptazine Citrate is being produced from basic stage now.

(b) Bulk drug Ethoheptazine Citrate is not specified in the list of bulk drugs mentioned in the 1st schedule and the 2nd schedule to the Drugs (Price Control) Order, 1979.

(c) Does not arise.

Telephone exchanges in Tamil Nadu

555. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) how many new telephone exchanges are proposed to be opened in the Tamil Nadu Telecommunication Circle in the year. 1986;

(b) the names and the capacity of each exchange; and

(c) how many proposals are pending before Government for opening new Telephone exchanges and what are the details thereof?